

ENGINE Reporting Template

**Empowering New Generations to Improve Nutrition and Economic
opportunities (ENGINE)**

Save the Children Federation, Inc

PROGRESS REPORT FOR

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LIST OF ACRONYMS

COP	Chief of Party
DIP	Detail Implementation Plan
ENGINE	Empowering New Generation to Improve Nutrition and Economic opportunities
FMOH	Federal Ministry of Health
HSDP IV	Health Sector Development Program
MDG	Millennium Development Goal
M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation
NNP	National Nutrition Program
RHB	Regional Health Bureau
SUN	Scaling Up Nutrition
ES	Economic Strengthening
GoE	Government of Ethiopia
LOL	Land O Lakes
AGP	Agricultural Growth Programme
VCE	Value Chain Expansion
ACDI/VOCA	An Int.NGO implementing market oriented AGP-VCE programme
COP	Chief of Party
ENGINE	Empowering the New Generation to Improve Nutrition and Economic opportunities
FMOH	Federal Ministry of Health
RHB	Regional Health Bureaus
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1. Reporting period

From: September 27, 2011	To: December 31,2011
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2. Publications/reports

Did your organization support the production of publications, reports, guidelines or assessments during the reporting period?

No/Not Applicable ☒
Yes ☐ If yes, please list below:
Publications/Reports/Assessments/Curriculum

Title	Author	Date

If Yes, Please attach an electronic copy of each document as part of your submission.

3. Technical assistance

Did your organization utilize short-term technical assistance during the reporting period?

No/Not Applicable ☐
Yes ☒ Please list below:

Consultants/TDYers

Name	Arrival	Departure	Organization	Type of Technical assistance provided
Paige	Nov. 28, 2011	Dec 1,2011	Save the Children Inc,	Supported ENGINE national planning workshop

If Yes, Please attach an electronic copy of the TA report as part of your submission.

4. Travel and Visits

Did your organization support international travel during the reporting period?

No/Not Applicable ☐
Yes ☒ Please list below:

International Travel (All international travel to conference, workshops, trainings, HQ or meetings).

Name	Destination	Departure from Ethiopia	Arrival	Host Organization	Purpose of the travel
Cheryl lettenmaier	Addis Abeba,Ethiopia	Uganda,Entebe	Nov 28,2011	JHU CCP	Representing JHU CCP during ENGINE planning workshop
Jamie Lee	Addis Ababa	UK, London	Nov 28,2011	Valid International	Representing Valid during ENGINE planning workshop
Kate Sadler	Addis Ababa	UK, London	Nov 28, 2011	Tuft University	Representing Tuft and Valid during ENGINE planning workshop

Have any Monitoring Visit/supervision been made to your program in during the reporting period?

Description of Monitoring team	Start date	End date	Sites visited	Written recommendations provided
None				

5. Accomplishments and successes during the reporting period

Project Management:

Staff recruitment: The DCOP and all the senior advisors except the gender advisor have been recruited and started working. All the five regional coordinators have been recruited.

Sub Grantees Management: In order to facilitate the start up of the project, all the sub-primes except Land O'Lakes were given Pre-Authorization letter for start up activities until the Sub-grant agreement (SGA) is finalized. The SGA for all sub-primes is on the final stage for signature.

Setting up the office and Procurement: SCUS has arranged ENGINE project office and the regional sub-offices of Save the Children have secured space for ENGINE project. The order for procurement of the 12 ENGINE car has been placed and they are expected to arrive in February.

Start up Activities:

Start up Workshops: In order to get the buy-in of different stakeholders and to ensure a good start up, SC/US in collaboration with USAID organized a national level official launch of ENGINE on October 25, 2011. It was officially launched by US government Ambassador to Ethiopia, State Minister of Health, delegate of Ministry of Agriculture, and Country Director of Save the Children Federation. It was attended by close to 70 participants from different government offices and partners. It also had good media coverage. Additionally, meetings were held with USAID and MOH regarding program start up and Woreda selection.

SC/US in collaboration with MOH and sub-primes organized a participatory planning workshop from November 29th to December 1st in order to have a shared vision and objectives for ENGINE, align the ENGINE work plan with government plans, and avoid duplication of effort with other partners. It was attended by all sub-primes and participants from different federal and regional government offices, universities, EHNRI and nutrition and livelihood partners. It was officially opened by MOH. During the workshop, USAID presented on FTF and how ENGINE fits into FTF, Paige from SC/US HQ presented Save the Children global nutrition portfolio and the COP presented overview of ENGINE. The participants worked in group to enrich the draft work plan and Performance Monitoring plan prepared by the ENGINE team.

The substantial change that came out of the planning meeting, which affects program implementation and budget, is the Health Development Army (HDA) training. The MOH made it explicitly clear that partners including ENGINE shouldn't get involved in training of HDAs and that they don't need any financial or technical support for their training and work. It is the responsibility of HEWs and kebele administration to train and monitor their activity. However, some RHBs expressed their interest to get support both financial and logistic support for HDAs. We have reprogrammed the activity to focus on supporting the HEWs IRT training, HEWs supervisors training, supporting supportive supervision of HEWs and focus on women groups, influential peoples, faith based organizations and other informal groups for community mobilization and behavior change communication. We have reprogrammed some of the budget accordingly.

SCUS submitted to USAID the work plan with the Performance Monitoring plan for Approval.

Build partnership: Coordination and collaboration with the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Agriculture, and other key partners is critical to achieving ENGINE objectives in Ethiopia. With this understanding, SCUS undertook the following activities:

- USAID organized a post-award conference to SCUS. Three start up meetings were conducted with USAID.
- Start-up meetings were conducted with FMOH, and Tigray, SNNPR, and Amhara Regional Health and Agriculture Bureaus heads or deputies. SCUS submitted draft tripartite MOU to FMOH and Oromia, Amhara, SNNPR and Tigray Regional Health and Agriculture Bureaus.
- ENGINE held partnership meeting with Accdivoca (AGP-MGe) to coordinate the activities and to make sure nutrition is addressed.

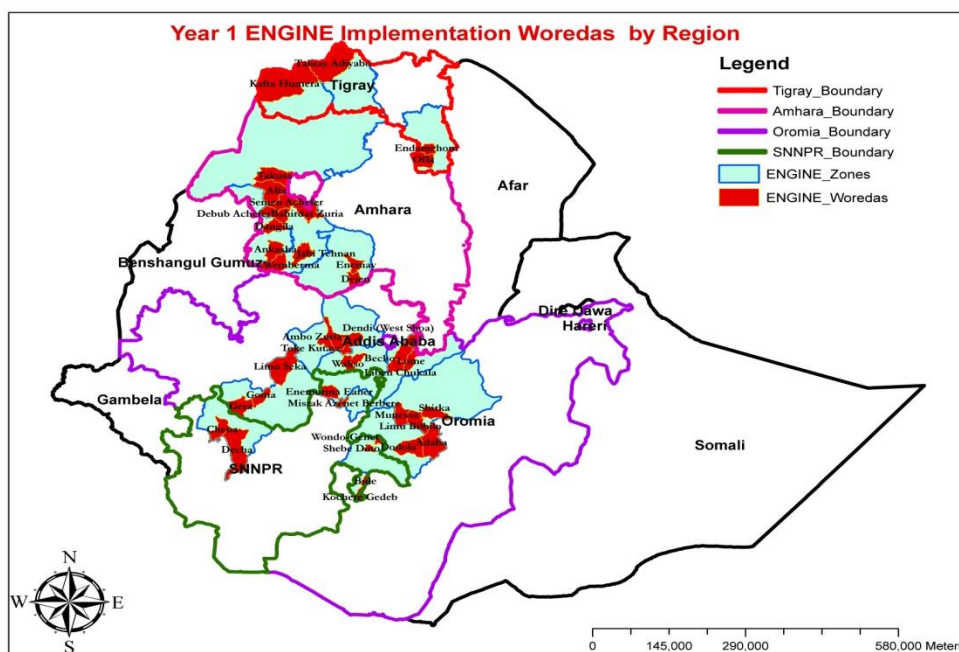
Woreda selection: SC/US selected 41 AGP woredas for year 1 using the following criteria:

- Currently they are not implementing UNICEF and WB supported Community Based Nutrition (CBN) except in Tigray because all woredas are implementing CBN.
- Because this is year one, we selected woredas that are near to each other and close to Save the Children Sub-offices to have a good oversight of the program by the regional ENGINE team in order to facilitate rapid start up.
- We allocated woredas to each Region proportional to total number of AGP woredas per region.

Table 1 summarizes the number of woredas and their regional distribution. The list has been submitted to USAID for approval and MOH tentatively approved the list. Tigray, Amhara, and Oromia regions approved the target woredas for year one with some amendment considering the presence of other partners and regional equity. SNNPR is not yet approved. The Woreda list by Zone, Region, and type of existing intervention is attached.

Table 1: ENGINE Year one target woredas by Region.

Regional Breakdown by Year		
Region	Total Target	Year 1
Amhara	22	11
Oromiya	34	17
SNNPR	19	9
Tigray	8	4
Not AGP woredas	17	
Total ENGINE Target woredas	100	41



IR1. Capacity for and institutionalization of nutrition programs and policy strengthened

IR 1.1 Nutrition policy environment strengthened

Strategy 1.1.2: Support development and revision of policies, guidelines, and standards

Activity (i) Provided support to the NNP revision

The Federal Ministry of Health (FMOH) is reviewing the National Nutrition Program (NNP) in order to align the first phase of NNP with HSDP IV and MDGs, i.e. to extend the first phase by 2 years to 2015; to assess the achievements gained so far, to identify gaps and strengthen initiatives that were not adequately addressed in the original NNP document such as Strengthening of the multi-sectoral linkages, improving linkages between preventive and curative nutrition programming; and to align with new initiatives that have emerged since the NNP was devised such as the Accelerated Stunting Reduction Strategy. An ad hoc core committee represented by partner organizations and chaired by FMOH was established to work on NNP revision. Six NNP revision sub-committees accountable for core committee were established and started working on each sub-component of the NNP during October.

ENGINE has contributed to the revision by providing technical assistance by participating in most of the sub-committees such as the Chief of Party is member of the coordination and multisectoral linkage committee; the Senior the Policy and Capacity building Advisor is member of the facility based intervention nutrition service sub-committee; Senior Health and Nutrition Advisor is member of the community-based interventions nutrition sub-committee; and Senior Research and M&E advisors is member of the research strategy and M and E sub-committee. ENGINE deployed the Senior Policy and capacity building advisor at FMOH to facilitate the NNP revision and facilitate multi-sectoral linkages under the NNC. During the last quarter, each sub-committee has made **two meetings** during which responsibilities were shared, documents revision started and new ideas incorporated. This activity will continue in the next quarter with the production of first draft NNP implementation document to be submitted to the core committee and then State minister, Ministry of Health.

ENGINE's Senior Nutrition and HIV Advisor have actively participated in Nutrition-HIV sub-committee meeting held in the last quarter with FMOH's chairmanship to finalize the revised nutrition and HIV guideline and training materials.

IR 1.2 Pre-service and in-service nutrition training for health care agents strengthened

Strategy 1.2.1 Pre-service education for health care providers and agricultural agents

The pre-service education activity component is one of the integral aspects of the ENGINE program which is in its early phase. ENGINE through its sub-prime, Jhpiego has so far developed a baseline and readiness assessment tools in preparation for the program implementation. The baseline tool is under discussion with SC US for additional inputs and direction of the process of the baseline assessment.

IR 2: Quality and delivery of nutrition and health care services improved

SCUS has identified the gap in rolling out the Integrated Refresher Training (IRT) and the opportunity for ENGINE to support the cascaded IRT training.

IR 3: Improved Prevention of undernutrition through community based nutrition care and practices- No activities performed as ENGINE has been doing preparatory activities for these community level activities.

IR4:Rigorous and innovative learning agenda adopted

Strategy 4.1: Design and delivery of a research strategy

Activity (i) Identify and set up national research partnerships

Three research partner institutions (University of Hawassa, EHNRI and Jimma university) were identified and participated in the three days ENGINE planning workshop as explained under the project management. SC US, Tuft University and Valid International had discussion with delegates from research partner institutions on the way forward on the operational research activities of ENGINE. It was decided to have research review and consultative meeting around March / April 2012 in Addis Abeba, Ethiopia.

Tuft University organized two meetings for the whole Tufts technical team in Boston, USA. The first to sensitize the whole group about the ENGINE project itself: it's objectives and our particular roles and responsibilities. The second to discuss in more detail individual roles and responsibilities and to discuss detailed activities and workplans for the next 1-2 years. Three members of the Tufts team (Sadler, Burns and Kennedy) have attended meetings with ENGINE management team that gave Tufts Team the opportunity to get to know the SC US implementing team, the other partners on the project and key individuals from government and university partners and USAID.

Strategy 4.2: Develop and manage an innovative documentation and dissemination strategy and M and E system

Activity (i) Conduct program baseline surveys

SCUS, Tuft University, and Valid International have been working on ENGINE baseline survey methodology/design and tools development. Series of discussion have been done among SC US, Tufts and Valid international expertise to refine survey design and sampling and parameters to be included in the survey. The baseline survey design will be finalized the second quarter.

Activity (ii): Establish program monitoring system

The Performance Monitoring Plan (PMP) has been developed with the leadership of SCUS, Valid International and Tuft university through a consultative process. The PMP was submitted to USAID for review and approval.

9. Major Activities planned in the next reporting period

Upcoming activities should highlight planned activities and solutions to identified constraints (write for each program area)

IR1.1 nutrition policy environment strengthened

Strategy 1.1.1 strengthening existing nutrition multisectoral coordination

- Continue provision of support to the NNP revision
- provision of support to the revitalization of NNC with clear TORs/MOU on roles and responsibilities of each sectors (MoH, MoARD, Minister of water resources, Ministry of women, youth and child, MoE, etc)
- Participation in the capacity building activities for program staff, RHB and regional level managers
- Representing ENGINE in workshops, meetings and Integrated Nutrition TWGs.

Strategy 1.1.2 support nutrition policies, guidelines, and standards

- starting mapping out of existing support for NNP coordination and identification of gaps
- Support revision and printing of nutrition and HIV guideline

IR1.2. Pre-service and in-service nutrition training for health care agents strengthened

- conduct pre service education readiness and baseline assessment
- establishing national TWG for nutrition education
- development of standards of nutrition education for health and agriculture
- training of university teachers on SBM-R module
- TOT for regional zonal and woreda level health and nutrition program managers

IR2. Quality and delivery of nutrition and health care services improved

- Support IRT TOT and training roll out for HEWs
- provide training for HWs on nutrition counseling and CMAM
- Review and Improve the existing integrated supportive supervision tools
- Assess availability of minimum standards for nutrition programs
- Print and Distribute existing IYCF and maternal nutrition BCC materials to ENGINE woredas
- Support and provide TA for cascading trainings at the regional levels (once ToTs are conducted)
- Finalize the Nutrition-HIV Intervention Framework and develop a detailed implementation plan for Nutrition-HIV component of ENGINE
- Conduct mapping of nutrition services in ENGINE woredas to develop service directory for referral and linkages
- Conduct desk review research and inventory of existing nutrition communication materials and resources
- Gather and review existing materials for micronutrients at "select" health centers and health posts

IR3. Improved Prevention of undernutrition through community based nutrition care and practices

- Support CHD in ENGINE woredas
- Desk top review of available SBCC research evidences and synthesis of best practices
- Conduct livelihood and economic mapping in the selected year one ENGINE woredas
- Identification of beneficiaries/Targeting
- Initiate livelihoods activities in 10 woredas

IR4: Rigorous and innovative learning agenda adopted

- Multi-stakeholder research meeting in Addis to develop and finalize research strategy/questions and roles/responsibilities
- Support and provide TA to GOE in integration of nutrition indicators into the HMIS and development of NIS
- support/strengthen the existing nutrition information system and reporting mechanism at kebele, woreda, RHBs, and national levels
- Support the roll out of community HMIS/family folder with the HEP in ENGINE woredas
- Finalize selection and definition of baseline survey/assessment design and conduct baseline survey indicators
- Guide ENGINE regional planning through regional and woreda stakeholders' involvement
- Develop M and E tools and formats/checklists in the context of HMIS, including livelihood and agriculture